



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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Ms. Rita Hall
Mr. John A. Hammargren
Ms. Anne S. Hill
Mr. Carl E. Moore

MINUTES OF THE **SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS** **REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING** **AUGUST 12, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Montaña called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Chair Montaña led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence. Commissioners introduced themselves and welcomed Commissioner Anne S. Hill.

ATTENDANCE

Present

Chair Eleanor R. Montaña
Barbara Bigby
Rita Hall
John A. Hammargren
Anne S. Hill
Carl E. Moore

Staff, Commission Services

Martha Arana
Andrew Sevrin
Jimmy Prieto

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 5, 2009, MEETING MINUTES

The Sybil Brand Commission approved the minutes of August 5, 2009, as submitted.

Motion: Commissioner Hammargren, seconded by Commissioner Bigby

Abstention: Commissioner Hill.

Vote: Five approved, one abstention.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Montaña reported on the following:

- "Children's Deaths to be Probed", Daily Breeze, August 12, 2009, regarding an investigation called by Supervisor Mark Ridley -Thomas for the suspicious deaths

of (3) three foster children whose alleged abuse had been referred to the Department of Children and Family Services.

- “Body ID’d as Foster Child”, Los Angeles Times, August 10, 2009, regarding the death of a 2-year old girl who was in Los Angeles County Foster care along with her minor mother, and in care of the Department of Children and Family Services.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Vice Chair Bacio reported that the current balance of the Commission’s Charitable Fund is \$1,456.93

CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIT REPORTS

Commissioners Bigby and Bacio reviewed the following Audit Reports with the Commission:

Casa Editha Foundation – 5, #3 – Audit report dated June 29, 2009. Group home was inspected and found to be in satisfactory condition.

St. Anne’s Group Home – 44, #1 – Audit report dated July 15, 2009 revealed all areas of concern have been corrected.

DISCUSSION OF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

There was none.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE “SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS FOR COURTS, CUSTODY/JAILS, PROBATION, AND SHERIFF STATIONS” REPORTING FORM

After discussion, the Commission approved the “*Sybil Brand Commission for Institutional Inspections for Courts, Custody/Jails, Probation, and Sheriff’s Stations*” reporting form. Staff advised the Commission that the reporting form remained subject to County Counsel’s review and recommendations prior to its adoption for use.

Motion: Commissioner Hammargren, seconded by Commissioner Hall

Vote: Unanimously carried.

FACILITY/GROUP HOME INSPECTION REPORTS FROM AUGUST 5, 2009 TO AUGUST 11, 2009

You Are The Difference – 49, #4 – Commissioners Bacio, Hall and Moore

The facility was visited on August 6, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Areas of Concern: Downstairs bathroom shower needs to be cleaned (moldy); bedroom #2, door to closet off track; hole in vent giving access to underneath house needs to be repaired; (2) two fire extinguishers missing tags; house rules not posted.

Rosemary Children's Services – 41, #2 – Commissioner Bigby

The facility was visited on August 7, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Areas of Concern: Carpet needs to be replaced in living room and recreational room; linen needed (insufficient towels); computers need to be repaired.

Lomita Station – Commissioner Montañó

The facility was visited on August 10, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Areas of Concern: Ceiling needs to be repaired and properly sealed; corner wall needs to be painted.

Bourne Inc. - 2, #4 – Commissioner Bigby

The facility was visited on August 11, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Area of Concern: Backyard needs to be cleaned.

Fleming & Barnes Dimondale – 9, #6 (Group Home Directory January 2009) – Commissioner Montañó

The facility was visited on August 11, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Areas of Concern: First-Aid kit items missing; fire extinguishers need to be recharged and properly tagged.

Ha're John's Paradise – 22, #4 - Commissioners Bacio, Hall and Moore

The facility was visited on August 11, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Areas of Concern: Bathroom needs cleaning; food supply low; stove burners need cleaning, and (1) one youth out of control. These issues will be addressed with the representative of the Department of Children and Family Services at the next Commission business meeting.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners' request to change the time of the September 9, 2009, meeting from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to attend a ceremony invitation from the Aviva Center.

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (To be presented and placed on a future agenda)

There was none

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Montañó adjourned the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Arana
Commission Services Division